

**REMARKS**

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office Action dated February 20, 2004, and the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Rejected claims 1 and 6-10 have been canceled together with claims 3-5 which were previously withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement made final in the Office Action of August 4, 2003.

Claim 2 has now been rewritten in independent form and this claim has already been found to contain allowable subject matter as indicated by Examiner Walls in the outstanding Office Action. Additionally, remaining claims 11-15 have been found allowable. Claims 11, 12 and 13 are in independent form and claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 13.

Accordingly, it is believed that claims 2 and 11-15 are now in condition for formal allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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